CHAPTER 5

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GOBLIN SLAYER

HEY, DIDJA SEE?
OVER AT THE COUNTER—
YEAH! A TOTAL BABE!

SHE'S A HIGH ELF, ISN'T SHE?
A DESCENDANT OF THE TRUE FAERIES...
WHOA! A HIGH ELF?
SORRY...
ORC...?
YOU MEAN "OAK"?
NO!

ORCBOLG!
I'VE HEARD HE'S AT THIS GUILD.

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ORCBOLG ...
JUST A MOMENT, PLEASE. I'LL CHECK.
AHH, Y' NEEDN'T BOTHER!
WE'RE IN HUMAN LANDS, LONG-EARS! THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND YOUR FUNNY TALK!
BUT SURELY YOU KNOW ...
BEARD-CUTTER!
SORRY, THAT NAME'S NOT FAMILIAR ...
GUUUH!?
IT ISN'T !?

SO MUCH FOR DWARVES!
WHO'S TALKING FUNNY NOW, HUH?
STUBBORN AS ROCKS AND SO SURE THEY'RE ALWAYS RIGHT!
WHAT WAS THAT!?
...HEH HEH.
YOU ELVES...
?
!
TH-THAT'S NOTHING TO DO WITH ANYTHING!
YOU DIRTY OLD MAN!
HEH!
ME? WHAT WOULD I WANT WITH AN ANVIL?
KAN CRANG
KAN CRANG
KAN CRANG
WHA...!?
HEARTS AS HARD AS ANVILS... AND JUST AS FLAT.

THIS, WHEN ALL YOUR WOMEN ARE BARREL-SHAPED !!
EXCUSE ME...
LET'S ALL GET ALONG ...
THE WORD IS PLUMP !!
AND A BARREL'S BETTER THAN AN ANVIL!!
OH. NO...
PARDON ME, YOU TWO...
WOW ...
...BUT IF YOU MUST FIGHT, DO IT WHERE I CAN'T SEE YOU.

MY HUMBLE APOLOGIES FOR MY IRASCIBLE COMPANIONS.
OH, N-NOT AT ALL! ALL OUR ADVENTURERS ARE SUCH PASSIONATE PEOPLE. I'M USED TO IT...
STILL, THIS IS UNUSUAL ...
A HIGH ELF...
...HER ANCESTRAL FOE, A DWARF...
...AND A LIZARDMAN ADVENTURER, WHICH YOU HARDLY EVER SEE.
WHAT AN ODD PARTY...
AND ALL OF THEM SILVER-RANKED...
WE SEEK ...
...ONE KNOWN BY THE NAMES "ORCBOLG" AND "BEARD-CUTTER."

LAMENTABLY, I LACK FACILITY IN THE TONGUES OF MEN.
BUT...
AHEM...
GOBLIN...
!
WHO'S THIS GUY?
LOOKS DIRT POOR...
OH-HO! HE LOOKS QUITE...
YES.
HE'S CALLED GOBLIN SLAYER!
DID YOU SAY GOBLIN?
HEY, NO CUTS!
WE'RE TALKING, HERE...

HEY!
WHERE?
GOBLIN SLAYER!!
...HUH!?
HI...
WE'RE BACK!

GOBLIN SLAYER: AN ARMORED MAN BENT ON KILLING GOBLINS. SILVER-RANKED ADVENTURER.

PRIESTESS: A GIRL WHO RECENTLY LEFT THE TEMPLE OF THE EARTH MOTHER TO BECOME AN ADVENTURER.

YES ...?
HOW ABOUT ...
HEY!
OH!
UM ...
HEY ...
YOU MEAN THAT ARMORED GUY?
WE KNOW.
THANK YOU, BUT I ALREADY HAVE A PARTY...
...I MEAN— YOU WANNA COME ADVENTURING WITH US?
WHAT SILVER-RANK HUNTS NOTHING BUT GOBLINS?
HE'S A WEIRDO!
THAT'S ... EXACTLY WHY WE'RE TALKING TO YOU.
THAT IS WHOLLY UN—!
!
YOU'RE NEW, AND WE THOUGHT MAYBE HE WAS JUST... USING YOU AS BAIT...

YOU...
TWO.
NO BULLYING.
HM?
WE WEREN'T ...
LET'S GO.
AND...
NOW.
UM ...
YOU MEAN GOBLIN SLAYER?
YOU ARE THE GIRL WHO'S...
WITH HIM, YES?
YES, MA'AM... I AM WITH HIM.

HM?
"WITH" HIM...
THAT MUST...
BE HARD.
NO ...?
HE'S A DENSE ONE.
INFLAMMARAE.
FWOOO
OH GOOD
I KNOW. A WASTE...
OF A WORD OF POWER.
HM.

INCREDIBLE ...!
SEE?
I TOO...
ONCE ...
GOT AN ODD...
REQUEST ...
FROM HIM.
WH ...?
I KNOW...
WHAT YOU'RE THINKING.
HEE HEE.
N-NO, I...
HE WANTED SOME HELP...
WITH A SCROLL.
HE'S A BIT...
'CAUSE ...
ODD.

I KNOW ...
IT'S HARD ...
BEING "WITH" HIM.
... YES.
HE IS SILVER RANK, AFTER ALL.
I CAN BARELY KEEP UP WITH HIM. I JUST CAUSE HIM TROUBLE ...
SHOULD I JUST... LEAVE HIM ALONE?
POU (FOO)
WAGU (GULP)
AHEM! AHEM!
SORRY!

SLAYING GOBLINS IS GOOD FOR THE WORLD...
SEE ?
HOW-EVER.
HOHO CHUHO
YES ?
IT WOULD BE HARD FOR A PORCELAIN RANK.
MAY ONLY FIGHT GOBLINS ...
BUT FOR YEARS ...
HE'S DONE SO WITHOUT REST.
HE ...
INDEED ...
THE CAPITAL ...
IS FULL OF DEMONS.
MANY A MONSTER WANDERS THIS WORLD.
YES ?
YOU WOULD HELP ...
OTH-ERS ...
IF...
PERHAPS YOU MIGHT JOIN THOSE TWO...
YES ...
I—I
BUT ...
YOUNG ...
CHIL-DREN?

I AM SORRY.
HEE HEE !
PATHS ...
ARE MANY ...
YES ?
AND CERTAINTIES SO FEW.
HERE!
THAT MAKES THINGS ...
HIM ...
AT LEAST... IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE "WITH"...
LET IT BE YOUR OWN DECISION.
IF...
MY OWN ...
... DECISION ...
YOU'LL FORGIVE MY SAYING SO.
HM?

JIII
(SHAARE)
ARE YOU REALLY SILVER RANK?
SO THE GUILD SAYS.
I HONESTLY DON'T BELIEVE IT.
I'VE SEEN BUGS MORE INTIMIDATING THAN YOU!

DON'T BE STUPID, LONG-EARS!
LEATHER ARMOR FOR EASE OF MOVEMENT.
CHAINMAIL TO STOP A DAGGER IN THE DARK.
A HELMET TO PROTECT THE HEAD.
A SMALL SWORD AND SHIELD TO USE IN NARROW SPACES.
COULDN'T HE AT LEAST... CLEAN IT A LITTLE ...?
CLEAN ITEMS REEK OF METAL.
YOU WANT TO KNOW WHAT I SEE?
THEY HAVE AN EXCELLENT SENSE OF SMELL.
GODS! THIS IS WHAT YOU GET FOR BEING SO IN LOVE WITH YOUR BOW.
LONG-EARS!
YOU'RE BUT A YOUNGLING DRIVEN OUT OF HER FOREST BY BOREDOM!
YOU SHOULD LEARN SOMETHING FROM YOUR VENERABLE ELDER!

I'M 2,000 YEARS OLD.
HOW ABOUT YOU?
...ONE HUNDRED AND SEVEN.
OH ME, OH MY! GONE GRAY SO YOUNG!
SO YOU ONLY LOOK LIKE MY ELDER!
ENOUGH TALK OF YOUR ANTIQUITY.
YOU SHAME US WHO DO NOT MEASURE OUR LIVES IN CENTURIES.
AND? WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME?

I DO NOT.
MORE AND MORE DEMONS HAVE APPEARED NEAR THE CAPITAL LATELY, AS I'M SURE YOU KNOW.
I SEE.
IT'S DUE TO THE REVIVAL OF THE DARK GODS.
THEY'RE BUILDING AN ARMY TO DESTROY THE WORLD!
FIND SOME-ONE ELSE.
...AND WE WERE HOPING... WITH YOUR HELP...
I HUNT GOBLINS OR NOTHING.

AN ARMY OF DEMONS IS COMING!
WE'RE TALKING ABOUT THE FATE OF THE WORLD!
DO YOU UNDER-STAND THAT!?
DON'T YOU GET IT!?
BAN (BAM)

BUT BEFORE THE WORLD ENDS, GOBLINS WILL PUT AN END TO MANY MORE VILLAGES.

PERFECTLY.
THEN —!

HOLD ON, LONG-EARS!
I SAID —!!
WHY, YOU —!!
WE CANNOT IGNORE THE GOBLINS BECAUSE THE WORLD IS IN DANGER.
GOBLIN SLAYER-SAMA.
HRRR!
HRRR!
THINK! WE DIDN'T COME HERE TO FORCE ANYTHING ON HIM.
I SEE.
IN THAT CASE, I ACCEPT.
PLEASE DON'T MISUNDER-STAND US.
WE HAVE, IN FACT, COME TO ASK YOU TO KILL GOBLINS.

WHERE ARE THEY?
HOW MANY?
ANY SIGN OF SHAMANS OR HOBS?

HA HA HA!
WHAT'S WITH HIM?

I ASSUMED HE WOULD ASK ABOUT A REWARD FIRST...
I UNDERSTAND GOBLINS ARE YOUR SOLE CONCERN.
BUT PLEASE, HEAR FIRST OUR STORY.

ONE OF THE DEMON LORDS, HERETOFORE SEALED AWAY, HAS AWAKENED AND NOW SEEKS TO EXTERMINATE US.
HENCE THE CHIEFTAINS OF OUR TRIBES, ALL THE KINGS OF MEN, AND THE LEADERS OF THE ELVES AND THE DWARVES HELD A GREAT CONFERENCE.

AND -AHEM- WE ARE THE REPRESENTATIVES THEY'VE SENT.
.....
A GREAT BATTLE IS COMING.
THE PROBLEM, SEE, IS THOSE NASTY LITTLE GOBLINS HAVE STARTED GROWING MORE ACTIVE IN ELF LANDS.
I DON'T BLAME THIS LASS FOR FEELING ANTSY.
... HAVE ANY CHAMPIONS OR LORDS EMERGED?

THE MILITARY WON'T BOTHER WITH GOBLINS.
AS EVER.
CHAMPIONS? LORDS?
GOBLIN HEROES. GOBLIN KINGS.
OUR INVESTIGATION HAS REVEALED A SINGLE, EXCEPTIONALLY LARGE NEST. BUT...
PLATINUM RANKS, IN OUR TERMS.

SO WE WERE ENTRUSTED WITH THIS TASK AS ADVENTURERS.
IF THE ELVES MADE A UNILATERAL MOVE TO ELIMINATE THE NEST, THE HUMAN KINGS MIGHT ASSUME WE WERE PLOTTING SOMETHING.

... WE HAVE CHOSEN YOU.
AND ORCBOLG, OUT OF ALL HUMANS ...

VERY WELL.
OLD RUINS?
MOST LIKELY.
DO YOU HAVE A MAP?
NUMBER ?
VERY LARGE.
HERE.
OKAY.
I'LL LEAVE IMMEDIATELY.
HUH?

PAY ME WHATEVER YOU CHOOSE.

DOES HE...
...MEAN TO GO ALONE ...?

GOBLIN SLAYER!
IT'S GOBLINS.
SO THEY DID COME TO OFFER YOU A QUEST!

SPEARMAN, SILVER-RANKED ADVENTURER. HAS A CRUSH ON RECEPTIONIST.
RECEP-TIONIST-SAAAAN!
OH!

THE LIZARDMAN WILL GIVE YOU THE DETAILS. BUT I NEED MONEY.
GRRRR
GIVE ME THE REWARD FROM THE LAST QUEST.
YOU HAVEN'T MADE YOUR REPORT YET... BUT FOR YOU, WE CAN MAKE AN EXCEPTION.
OUR SECRET!
THAT POSEUR!
OH, RELAX
GIVE THE REST TO HER.
OF COURSE.
W-WAIT, ARE YOU ALONE? ISN'T SHE—?
I'LL LET HER REST.
GOBLIN SLAYER!

U-UM!
THAT WAS A QUEST, WASN'T IT!?
YES.
GOBLIN SLAYING.
ALL RIGHT! JUST LET ME—
NO.
I'LL GO ALONE.
WHAT ...!?

...AT LEAST...
AT LEAST...
...YOU...
...YOU COULD TALK TO ME BEFORE YOU DECIDE...
...YOU KNOW...?
AREN'T I?
OH... I GUESS THIS IS TALKING, YES.
I BELIEVE IT IS.

HAAH...
I'M COMING WITH YOU.
IT ISN'T?
IT'S NOT MUCH OF A TALK IF YOU'VE ALREADY MADE UP YOUR MIND.
AS IF I'D LEAVE YOU ALONE!

DO WHAT YOU WANT.
THANK YOU, I WILL!
EVEN WE CAN SEE WHAT'S GOING ON HERE.
WHAT DO WE DO...?
THAT GIRL'S GOT PROMISE.
THIS WON'T BE BORING!
TO PROPOSE A QUEST AND REFUSE TO AID IN IT...
MY ANCESTORS WOULD BE ASHAMED.

I JUST DON'T GET IT.
I JUST DON'T GET HIM...
SHEESH ...
YOU GUYS.
DON'T YOU THINK YOU SHOULD RESPECT YOUR ELDERS !?
TO BE CONTINUED!

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